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Daniels Drain Project Upcoming Restoration Notice September 7, 2023

Dear Okemos/Meridian Township Resident:

There is planned restoration work to expedite grass growth in the ditches and rain lawns in the Forest Hills Neighborhood that were disturbed/installed during the Daniels Drain Project. The restoration work is planned to begin on September 11, 2023, and is expected to take 2 days. Please acknowledge that the exact dates are subject to change as inclement weather shifts the contractor's schedule. The restoration work will include fertilizing the areas with a liquid nitrogen and water mixture, overseeding with a slit seeder, and watering. There will not be any additional ditch reshaping or earthwork taking place.

To maximize the success of the restoration work, please have the ditches on your property mowed to a length of 3-4" prior to September 11. Once the area has been overseeded, wait 2-3 weeks to mow the area again. Following the initial germination/establishment period of 2-3 weeks, continue to mow the grass at a length of 3.5-4" weekly. Lawns frequently mowed at this length will out-compete weeds and become thick.

We have received concerns of water pooling in ditches/rain lawns after rain. Rain lawns are bioretention areas that were designed to have water collect and pool prior to overflowing into a storm catch basin. Each rain lawn has a perforated pipe and filtration media underneath the ground surface to slowly drain the surface water at a controlled rate. It is typical that ditches and rain lawns have water in them following a rain for up to 24 hours.

Regarding the road work along Northview Drive, this area is under review for having unsuitable subgrade soils beneath the road and storm sewer infrastructure. Once the review is complete, the pavement failure in the road will be corrected and the rest of Northview Drive will be paved. The road right-of-way along Northview Drive will be restored after the paving and grass seed will be planted.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding this restoration work, please contact Kyle Smith, Project Engineer, GEI Consultants of Michigan, PC (734-904-9356). Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. It is a pleasure and an honor to serve you and the other citizens of Ingham County.